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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b>     | <b>Applicant(s)</b> |  |
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|                              | 09/922,106                 | BISSONETTE ET AL.   |  |
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**Period for Reply**

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

## **Disposition of Claims**

4)  Claim(s) 1 and 27-31 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) 1 and 27-31 is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on 06 August 2001 is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/6/2001.

4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_ .  
5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application  
6)  Other: \_\_\_\_ .

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. This is in response to the Applicants' election filed December 28, 2006. Claims 1 and 27-31 have been examined.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1 and 27-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Atkins, U.S. Pat. No. 6,343,279.

As to claim 1, Atkins discloses a system for controlling financial accounts comprising:  
a financial management system providing control and accounting for financial transactions (i.e. through the system described and its combined computer and communication terminals, clients/customers may ... effect enhanced personal financial analysis, planning, management and record keeping) (See abstract, lines 1-10); and, a money transaction card system associated with the financial management system and providing control and accounting for money card transactions within the financial management system (i.e. Every transaction executed on a debit or credit card, through

an ATM, a telephone or facsimile based system, a voice recognition system or an automated interactive computer system can be entered in the HOME Account™ mortgage monthly statement. In this way an accurate on-going list of expenses and the type of expenses can be presented to the individual automatically at the end of every month, and a detailed summary can be present at year end for assistance in preparing personal tax returns) (col. 28, lines 37-44).

As to claim 27, Atkins discloses the system as recited in claim 1, wherein the money card comprises a purchase card (i.e. debit or credit card) (col. 28, line 37).

As to claim 28, Atkins discloses the system as recited in claim 1, wherein the money card comprises a debit card (debit card) (col. 28, line 37).

As to claim 29, Atkins discloses the system as recited in claim 1, wherein the money card comprises a prepaid card (i.e. SmartCards) (col. 28, line 45).

As to claim 30, Atkins discloses the system as recited in claim 1, wherein the money card comprises a credit card (credit card) (col. 28, line 37).

As to claim 31, Atkins discloses the system as recited in claim 1, wherein the money card comprises comprises one of check, procurement, fleet, corporate, expenses, combination and travel card (i.e. debit or credit or ATM or Smart card) (col. 28, line 37-45).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samuel S. Weis whose telephone number is (571) 272-1882. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 to 5, Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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